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Foreword

It's Convention Time again—and after a lapse of 34 years the A.N.A. again is welcomed by romantic San Francisco. Between the pages of this Souvenir Journal we hope to give you an idea of what you may expect during your brief stay in the Golden State.

One thing we couldn't put down in black and white, the one thing that attracts more of you to A.N.A. Conventions than any other feature, the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones. When you depart you will be enriched because of the handshakes, the pats on the back—and you'll want to remember them.

Towards this end this Journal has been newly designed. We believe it will enhance the benefits of your visit and remain as a souvenir for years to come.

On behalf of the A.N.A. Convention Committee and the many national, state and local members who have helped to plan this convention, we extend our thanks to the advertisers who made this Journal possible.

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President's Message

Again we meet in annual convention to carry on the aims and objecitves of the American Numismatic Association. Our hosts, The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and the California State Numismatic Club, have made magnificent plans for us with unstinting generosity.

Your A.N.A. is steadily growing. It is building on a firm foundation. The reason we are advancing is because we do not try to build according to someone else's blueprints. The minute we try to do that our future is unsure. The only successful way for us to develop is to be ourselves.

Of course, certain customs must be adhered to, but the organization that gives all its attention to custom and none of its creative energy to hewing a way of its own, is like the squirrel in the revolving cage, going, going, gone, but not getting anywhere.

We must do the things that seem best to us. Of course, the world will criticize. The man who attempts anything and succeeds is sure to be barked at. But, listen, does the big round moon pay any attention to the little yelping dog? Not a bit of it, it keeps on about its business of shining. And, so, if you have a thought, or a plan, or a work, that will shine on a world that needs all the light it can get, for goodness sake shine. Never mind the critics. "Who so would be a man," said Emerson, "must be a non-conformist." Conform with your ideals always, yes, but doing and saying, and being whatever everyone else does and says and is will not build. Patterns are for the weak, careers, like monuments, must be carved.

We have been bold enough to assert our personality as an organization. It is a truism that any group that imitates or follows patterns set by others will, in time, deteriorate. As an organization we are doing those things which we feel are a fuller expression of our unique charter as a numismatic organization. In order to grow we must be creative. We dare not fall back on imitating the success of others. The best, most enduring growth is the natural growth from within, not the imitation of externals.

Our association will grow greater every year because its membership is made up of this kind of men and women.

Have a good time in San Francisco, meeting with old friends and forming everlasting friendships with new acquaintances.

That your visit to California will be a most happy one is my ardent wish.

Sincerely,

LOYD B. GETTYS, President.

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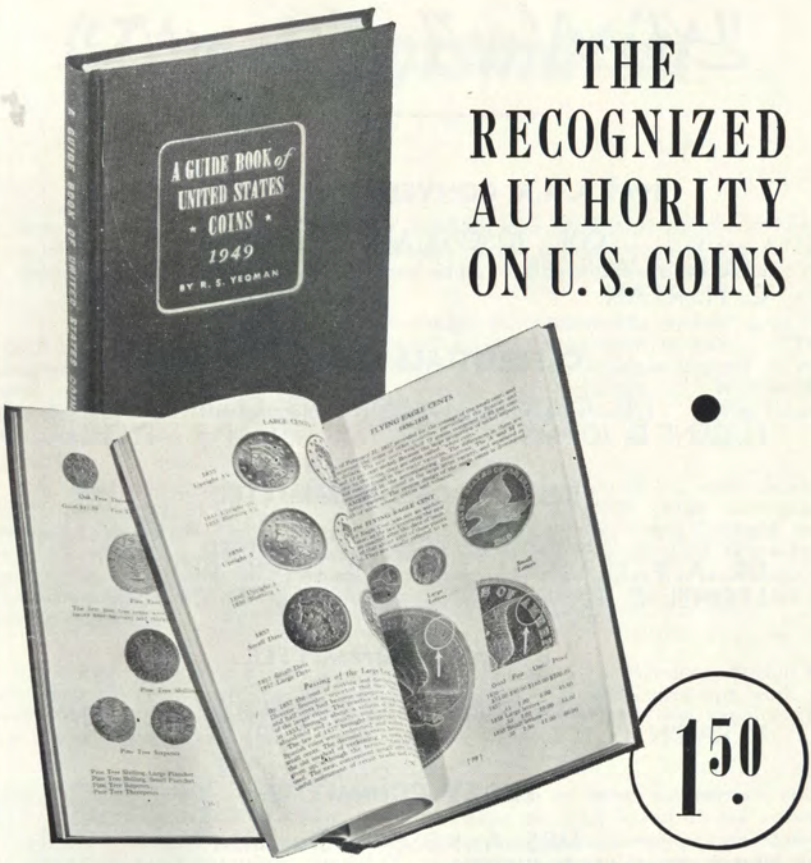

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It is regrettable that Dr. Heath did not live to see the fruit of his labor develop into the dominating factor leading to the success of the A.N.A. With such great numismatists as Farran Zerbe, Albert R. Frey, Edgar H. Adams, Frank Duffield, and Lee F. Hewitt taking over after Heath, preaching his doctrine of good fellowship, practicing his philosophy of optimism, and following his policies in organization, "The Numismatist" has always advanced, ever forward toward the ultimate goal of complete success.

It has now grown into a two-man job. Its present Business Manager, Burton H. Saxton and Editor, Stuart Mosher, are to commended for their excellent work of carrying on the principles and ideals of its founder, Dr. Heath, and keeping the magazine on the high plane set by their predecessors.

BURTON H. SAXTON

It is not an easy matter to carry out centain rules and regulations, yet keep the good will of all the various advertisers. Mr. Saxton with a numismatic career dating back to 1907, possesses the know-how to handle this delicate problem, and is doing a commendable job. His efforts to standardize classification of coins has been applauded by collectors and dealers alike.

Some might say that all Stuart Mosher has to do is just wait until various secretaries ofclubs and ambitious numismatists write him enough material to fill the other half of the magizine. (!!!!) Which would make this the prize understatement of the year. The selection of the articles as to their numismatic value, general information, advancement of our science and overall appeal, not to mention a little problem of space required to print each paper, most certainly is a man sized job. Failure to publish an article because of any of the reasons mentioned entertains criticism from the embryo author. It is certain that this fellow gets more rhubarb than the umpire following the Brooklyn ball club. Stu is doing wonderful in a difficult assignment. Both men are doing a tough job well. (Saxton is handsome, Mosher is bashful.—Ed.)

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P.C.N.S., with the California State Numismatic Association as co-host, has devoted much of its energies and activities to help make this numismatic gathering of special and unusual appeal to all. Through its Chairmen, Jack Hecht and Edward Fogler, the Convention has developed many new attractions and activities in Convention annals. Our Host Club Committee, headed by Vice-President George H. Beurhaus, will be at your command for assistance and guidance about the Convention and San Francisco.

It has been 34 years since the A.N.A. has been our guest, and we trust that this 1949 gathering will merit a return engagement very much sooner than another 34 years.

Again, WELCOME to San Francisco, and a hearty greeting, and with our invigorating summer weather, we trust that you will be able to really engage in numismatic good fellowship and inspire to even more enthusiastic coin collecting.

ROY HILL, President,
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

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P. C. N. S.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, as your host for the 58th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, is indeed happy to greet, once again, the many coin collectors from all over the Continent and from abroad and to welcome them to San Francisco—one of the world's truly cosmopolitan cities with fascinations all its own.

It is the second time the A.N.A. has come to San Francisco, the third time in California (Los Angeles in 1932), for it was 34 years ago this month, when Pacific Coast Numismatic Society was an infant of but two months, that the A.N.A. gathered here to enjoy the world famed Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915 as an added attraction.

1915 was an historic year, not only for the founding, by Farran Zerbe, of Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and of the first A.N.A. Convention in California, but of more lasting fame and importance numismatically as the year of the unique 1915 set of coins struck in honor of the P.P.I.E., for this set of coins marked a new, and as yet unduplicated departure in United States Commemorative Coins, with issuance of the now famed round and octagonal $50 gold coins, which still rank as the only $50 coins minted by the United States Government having a status as a legal tender coin. They were struck in the "S" Mint, with several P.C.N.S. members in featured spots in the historic ceremonies of the epochal event.

1949 marks the second of three years of California Centennial Celebrations that bring to mind the fabulous Gold Discovery, Gold Rush and the admission of California as a state, 100 years ago. The changed basic law governing use of gold as legal tender coins, of course precludes a repetition of the 1915 set of Commemorative Coins, but the Centennial Spirit of California's Golden Beginnings will enlighten your stay in California.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society is the oldest coin club West of the Mississippi River, and through its 34 years has contributed in many ways to the advancement of coin collecting. Its Founder-Honorary President, Farran Zerbe, lives on the other side of our great country, in New York City, but his numismatic thoughts turn many times to his "baby," P.C.N.S., and no doubt these Convention Days will hold a special interest. Since leaving San Francisco his world famed coin collection became the Chase National Bank Coin Collection in New York City, which he enjoyed further as its curator and builder until he was succeeded by Vernon L. Brown—an officer of the A.N.A. today. This coin collection has helped many—young and old—to realize the value and pleasure there is in coin collecting as a hobby, thus it builds for greater numismatic interest.

P.C.N.S. itself has moved along, slowly at times, till today it has more members than ever before—an achievement most gained under President Charles Steele in 1948—and looks forward to more progress from the inspiration in the wake of this Convention. In years gone by many fine numismatic programs have been presented outside regular meetings and participation has been frequent in National Coin Week.

One of the notable activities of the Society was its sponsorship, under guidance of the late Ernest R. Wernstrom, of the Far Western Numismatic Conferences from 1933 to 1939. These Conferences have their modern counterpart in the California State Numismatic Association which was organized at a meeting in Santa Barbara in February, 1947, with several P.C.N.S. members attending.

The same energetic Ernest R. Wernstrom on October 10, 1934 founded the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco, which was carried along after his untimely death in 1938 by Roy Hill, and the many numismatic activities and public activities of this group through 1942 would be worthy of an adult group, its most noteworthy being the **"Coin City"** exhibit at the National Hobby Show at Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in 1940. Since the war this activity has been sporadic, but marked by the beginnings for the East Bay Junior Coin Collectors (Oakland) and the Peninsula Junior Coin Club (San Mateo County), from which future progress can be expected.

1948 marked another interesting venture by the society, when, under the suggestion of President Steele, a monthly bulletin was started, and you are familiar with the P.C.N.S. Numismatic Bulletin, with Roy Hill as editor. This Bulletin has been well received, and through it the Society hopes to develop the numismatic story, particularly as it applies to California and its Pioneer Gold.

The A.N.A. has had several active P.C.N.S. members in its official family from time to time, among which we must include Farran Zerbe, George H. Blake, Harvey L. Hansen, Ernest R. Wernstrom, Ralph A. Mitchell and Edward Fogler who just this year completes two years of service.

P.C.N.S., like every other local coin club, has made its contributions to numismatic activities, local, state, regional and national, and from the enthusiasm and interest that this 58th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association brings, the future should be marked by even more progress to serve coin collectors in all fields of activity.

ROY HILL, President
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

TAKE A BOW

This Convention is a little unlike other conventions in one respect. Usually one man does all the work—this time we have two able co-chairmen. Ed Fogler is known to most of you (his profile's on page 10). The other guy, a successful San Francisco advertising executive is known only to the dealers who have been selling him his choice U.S. Coins—and to collectors in San Francisco.

Jack Hecht

Jack Hecht is the go-getter who is responsible for many of the arrangements. Jack obtained Mr. Christopher for our welcome, Jack took care of the Magnin Fashion Show, Jack handled the advertising for this Journal. Jack was really a Jack of all trades.

Let's not forget friend Fogler. Ed handled the reservations and did leg work on every committee. Ed arranged for the Palace Hotel space and worked with the Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Both of them worked on the Mint trip, sightseeing tours and the million and one details concerned with the planning of a convention. We thank you, fellows. Take a bow!

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By JACK W. OGILVIE

Life Member 93, Jack admits to being 3 years and 3 days younger than Gable (Jack acts like it, too!) In motion picture industry since 1923 as Film Editor, Producer and Director. Planned to photograph this convention but heavy schedule at Paramount Studios will prevent him—he'll have to hustle to get in part of this meeting. Collects S Mint silver and Canadian coins. Has assisted your editor considerably in the preparation of this Journal.

Jack W. Ogilvie

The hundredth year celebration of the discovery of gold in California marks 1849 as a milestone in the economic history of the United States. To obtain such a milestone in our numismatic history we must sever the number of years in half and turn back to 1899. It was in the spring of that year, just a half century ago, that Dr. George F. Heath completed the reorganization of the American Numismatic Association with a few over a hundred members. This is a far cry from the over nine thousand we have today. The "Numismatist" that year contained 274 pages including the ads, or less than the size of three current issues. The organization was so small and weak that they dared not attempt a convention.

Yet, numismatics was, as it is today, quite a live issue. Collectors were just as ardent as nowadays to find that missing date, but considerably fewer in number. They possessed the very same coins minted prior to the turn of the century as the present crop of collectory vie for, horde and cherish. It would be interesting indeed, if some pedigrees or records were kept of the various hands an uncirculated rarity, or a proof gem had passed. This has been done in cases of extreme rarities such as the 1804 dollar, and proves rather zestful reading.

A few of the collectors of yesterday are still among us. Still fervent in the pursuit of our great hobby. Still living, eating and sleeping numismatics. It has been said by many and denied by few—even doctors, that an avocation such as ours is the key to longevity. The list of members to follow are living monuments to prove this theory correct. They are reciprocants of the Fifty Year Membership Gold Awards. This writer considers it a privilege and a pleasure to know most of these gentlemen personally or by correspondence. They are listed according to their seniority in the A.N.A.

Honorary Member John F. Jones of Jamestown, New York, A.N.A. No. 6, a charter member enrolling October 7, 1891. Also a charter member and quite active in the Chautauqua Coin, Stamp and Curio Culb. He was 85 years old on July 17th and his collection specialty is foreign copper. He was on the first Board of Governors of the A.N.A. and has written many fine articles which were subsequently published in the "Numismatist." These included such informative papers as: The 1804 Dollar, Fractional Currency, Encased Postage Stamps, and the 1856 Flying Eagle Cent.

Life Member Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, New Jersey, is another charter member whose regular number is 15. He also served on the first Board, and collects New Jersey coppers and paper money. He is a bit modest about his age, but has put in more years in the A.N.A. than any other member, having been almost continuous since 1891.

R. D. Hay was given number 34 by Dr. Heath on that eventful day in October, 1891. He completes the trio of living charter members. Mr. Hay does not brag

about his age either, and lists his specialty as general, which means he is interested in most every phase of numismatics.

Life Member George J. Bauer of Rochester, New York, will celebrate his 79th birthday September 5th, this year. George J. decided the A.N.A. was OK and became a member April 1, 1892, and he wasn't foolin' himself or anyone. He has had quite a political career in the Association, such as Treasurer, Board, Second Vice-President, and reaching the high honor of our 17th President in 1930. He is still quite active in numismatics and holds frequent auction sales.

Edward W. Heusinger of San Antonio, Texas, entered the A.N.A. September 1, 1892, as number 118. Ed doesn't know whether to credit his hale and hearty 75 years to coin collecting or Texas climate. Both have been important factors. He has a wonderful collection of U. S. coins and paper money as well as probably the most notably known accumulation of the Republic of Texas currency.

Arthur B. Stewart of Baltimore, Md., became a member January 1, 1894, while only a schoolboy. His original number was 183 which he now uses. He regrets that he did not collect all current U. S. coins as they were issued, over the past fifty-five years. You are not alone there, Art!

A few months ago, this writer and another numismatist were in the Numismatic Gallery in Beverly Hills. We were scanning through the now odd-looking November, 1894, "Numismatist." Among the names of the new members admitted was Alfred B. Aubrey, number 231. "Say, I know that man!" said my friend, "He is a lawyer in Meriden, Conn." I informed him that he was right, and that Mr. Aubrie was still active in the numismatic field, and at that time was President of the Meriden Coin Club. He is another that first entered the organization while still a schoolboy.

George F. Marlier was the third person to enroll after Heath reorganized, having entered June 1, 1899 as number 102. His specialty is coins in general. His claim to fame is that he has been a continuous member of the A.N.A. since the day he joined. He will be tended the 50-Year Gold Award at this year's Convention.

As 49 is the theme this year, perhaps it would be apropos to name the 49ers of the A.N.A. They entered in 1900, so mark their 49th year in the organization. **Al Hepner** of Washington, D. C., is number 187. **Honorary Member Farran Zerbe** of New York City, our present Historian, with number 197, is next. **Frank E. Culp** of Alton, Ill., with 218, is the third. They get the 50-Year Medals next summer at Milwaukee, and we hope to have a nice story about all three.

This article is to acquaint you with persons having been members of the A.N.A. for a half century or more. Such great numismatists as **George Blake, Frank Duffield, Michael Carey, Waldo Moore** and many other old-timers are still just a trifle too young to get into the 50-Year Group.

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Wm. A. Knapp, Kansas City, Mo., $23,930.00
Wm. D. Waltman, Los Angeles, $72,867.00
Will W. Neil, Abilene, Kansas, $81,531.00
Frederic W. Geiss, Chicago, $107,383.00
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TROPHY

A handsome, suitably engraved trophy will be awarded to the exhibit which, in the opinion of the judges, is the BEST IN SHOW. This trophy will be presented at the annual banquet on Wednesday.

RIBBONS

In each of the following five classes there will be awarded a blue ribbon for first place, a red ribbon for second and gold ribbon for third place with green ribbons for honorable mention:

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st

1. Registration—Lewis M. Reagan in charge.
2. Placing of Exhibits—Roy Hill, Earl Parker, William Smith.
3. Entertainment—8:00 P.M.—Jack Hecht in charge.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd

Registration and placing of Exhibit continues.

1. Business Session—9:30 A.M.—President Loyd B. Gettys presiding. Welcome by Supervisor George Christopher.
2. Official Photograph—Noon. David Redfield in charge.
3. 49-Mile Bus Tour—1:30 P.M. Jack Hecht in charge. Return to hotel 6:00 P.M.
4. Auction Sale—8:00 P.M. The Numismatic Gallery conducting.
5. Ladies' Program—8:00 P.M. Jack Hecht—arrangements.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd

Registration and placing of Exhibits continues.

1. Trip to the Mint. Bus leaves 9 A.M., returns 11:30 A.M. Jack Hecht in charge.
2. District Secretaries Meeting (open to District Secretaries only). 2nd V.P. Harold Klein, presiding.
3. Auction Sale—2:00 P.M. The Numismatic Gallery conducting.
4. Ladies' Fashion Show—2:00 P.M.
5. Speaker's Panel—8:00 P.M. Vernon L. Brown in charge. Speakers will be allowed 10 minutes each. No questions nor discussions. After conclusion of entire program speakers will retire to their individual pre-arranged exhibits for questions, etc.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th

Registration continues.

1. Business Meeting—9:30 A.M. President Loyd B. Gettys, presiding.
2. Children's Party and Entertainment—1:30 P.M. Mrs. David Redfield.
3. Banquet—7:00 P.M. Ralph Mitchell toastmaster.
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Conventioneers

As members of the A.N.A. converge upon San Francisco for the forty-seventh time in fifty-eight years, one perhaps wonders just who attended the most of these now famous numismatic gatherings. The O K boys also got curious, and K said to O: "Dig up the dope on this, m'fran." Here is the result of the tally, taken from the official register of each convention since 1891:

Max Mehl and George Bauer are tied for first place with thirty-three each. Frank Duffield is next with thirty, Mrs. Cora Henderson tweny-eight, and George Blake with twenty-five wind up this select group of living members. All are great numismatists with the success of the A.N.A. foremost in their hearts. We salute these seniors and wish them many more conventions.

Order of Business

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1949—10:00 A.M.

1. Invocation.
2. Introduction of speaker by Co-Chairman Jack Hecht.
3. Address of Welcome.
4. Response by President.
5. Reading of List of Deceased Members.
6. Report of President.
7. Announcement of Committee Appointments.
8. Reading of Communications.
9. Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. First Report of the Proxy Committee.
11. Reports of Officers.
12. Report of Auditing Committee.
13. Report of the Papers Committee.
14. Awards of Medals and Prizes.
15. First Report of the Resolutions Committee.
16. Announcements.

All ballots and proxies must be delivered to General Secretary by noon Tuesday. See Bulletin Board for other announcements.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1949—9:30 A.M.

1. Final Report of the Proxy Committee.
2. Reading of Communications.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.
5. Final Report of the Resolutions Committee.
6. Presentation of Invitations for Future Conventions.
7. Report of the Elections Committee.
8. Installation of Officers.
9. Adjournment of Business Part of the Convention.

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Indianapolis, Ind.

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Davenport, Iowa

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Baltimore, Md.

LM 147 T. C. BRANDTS
Celina, Ohio

12847 ALLEN J. BUTLER
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7270 W. A. CARLETON
Whitehall, Mich.

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Cleveland Heights, Ohio

6094 RALPH R. CHANDLER
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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New York, N. Y.

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Sewickley, Pa.

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Rolla, Mo.

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Chicago, Ill.

4794 EARL M. COLE
Tucson, Ariz.

2489 WILLIAM H. CONRAD
Allentown, Pa.

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2372 B. EHRENBERG
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Petaluma, Calif.

9390 F. BRUCE FABLE
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2146 CHARLES H. FISHER
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Jerseyville, Ill.

3109 FREDERICK W. GRASSER
Kankakee, Ill.

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St. Petersburg, Fla.

9599 JAMES HECTOR
Ottawa, Canada

5538 DR. J. F. HEPTING
Turtle Creek, Pa.

16238 DANA C. HILL
Arlington, Va.

12987 WILLIAM W. HINCHMAN
Colorado Springs, Colo.

8833 GORDON S. HOLLAHAN
Yakima, Wash.

11998 W. B. HUTH
Fostoria, Ohio

8465 J. H. INMAN
Richmond, Calif.

1882 F. T. JOERS
Cleveland, Ohio

8862 MAGNUS H. JOHANSON
Rochester, N. Y.

14718 EDWARD A. KINGSTON
Philadelphia, Pa.

2968 WILLIAM KRAFT
Redwood City, L. I., N. Y.

15258 CHARLES P. KREUZER
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

10031 WALTER R. LEWIS
Los Angeles, Calif.

8067 LEON GEORGE MARING
Waterloo, Iowa

8967 DR. RUSS MARVIN
El Paso, Texas

11629 W. H. McCRUM
Kansas City, Mo.

14876 LELAND S. McGINN
Fairfield, Ohio

13908 WILLIAM B. McKEVER
New York, N. Y.

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Muncie, Ind.

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Washington, D. C.

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Ridgewood, L. I., N. Y.

16790 LOUIS NAGY
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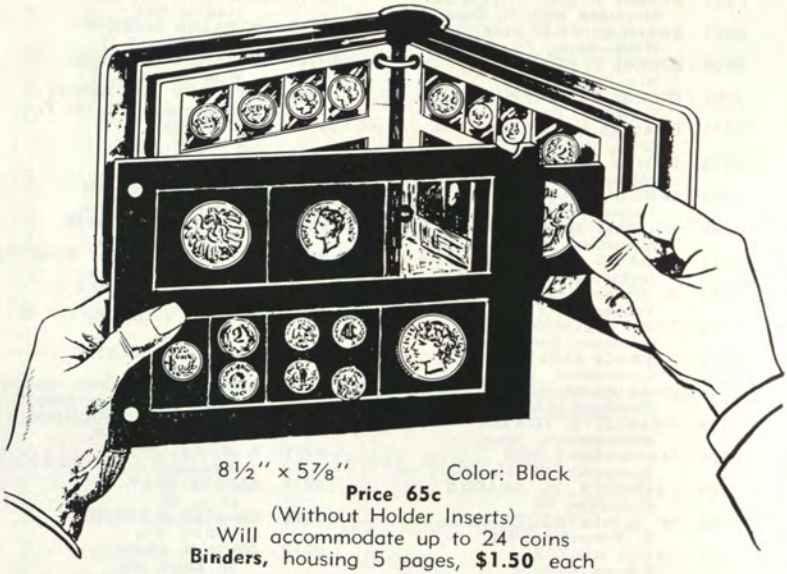

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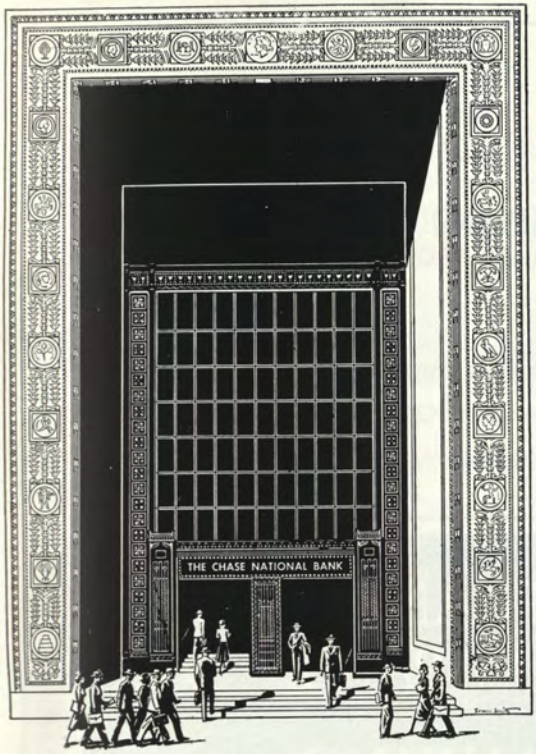

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A call was sent out to all of our affiliated Clubs and members to plan for a big showing and immediately your Chairman was swamped with correspondence from those seeking advice, suggestions or telling me that they were going to put on a fine display.

My able assistant, Chris Petersen, prepared and distributed copies of radio scripts for use in many localities. Aubrey Bebee, in charge of Dealers Activities, solicited many donations for use as prizes. As usual the dealers responded most generously.

Then came Coin Week and collectors got busy. Bank lobbies and windows, department stores, libraries, schools—these were most frequently used to display our exhibits. Radio and television gave time; newspapers and magazines alloted space; Lions, Masons, Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary and so many other organizations listened to our speakers. When the smoke cleared, the Awards Committee went to work examining the many reports. Chairman E. W. W. Lewis, William S. Dewey, Charles P. Knoth, Glenn B. Smedley and Jack W. Ogilvie—these men constituted the hard-working committee.

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As in the past, medals to participants will be distributed through the General Secretary's Office. Awards will be distributed by the Awards Committee Chairman. Ribbons will be sent directly to the first four place winners in each class. Further reports—see August "NUMISMATIST."

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2nd: WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—MASSACHUSETTS
3rd: CHICAGO COIN CLUB—ILLINOIS
4th: BURLINGTON COIN CLUB—IOWA
5th: MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—WISCONSIN
6th: ASSOCIATED PHILADELPHIA COINS CLUBS—PENNSYLVANIA
7th: WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB—OHIO
8th: COLUMBIAN COIN CLUB—NEW JERSEY
9th: ARKANSAS VALLEY COIN CLUB—COLORADO
10th: ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—NEW YORK

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1st: OTTO B. HEATON, COLUMBUS, OHIO
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4th: JAMES BARLOW, MARION, MASSACHUSETTS
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	Aug. 26, 1948	New Haven, Conn.	738
	Aug. 27, 1948	New Haven, Conn.	623
9	Nov. 19, 1948	New Haven, Conn.	886
10	Jan. 28, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	734
	Jan. 29, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	790
11	Mar. 18, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	758
	Mar. 19, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	642
12	Apr. 29, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	714
	Apr. 30, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	686
13	May 27, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	720
	May 28, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	686
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	June 24, 1949	New Haven, Conn.	591
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15	Sept., 1949	MAY WE INCLUDE YOUR COLLECTION?	

We believe the above record is outstanding in the field of numismatics to-day. Many of our consignors have sent material to us repeatedly. Collectors, too, are enthusiastic for the type of material sold. Our pledge, "Something for everyone" has met with universal approval. We would like to discuss selling your collection, in confidence and without obligation on your part. We will be in attendance at the Convention to greet old friends and, we hope, make new ones.

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Your committee considers that many of you have traveled far and long—a little recreation should be a welcome tonic. A little fun is being provided by our own talent—we think you'll get a couple of laughs. Prof. Charles Ruby will conduct "Twenty Queries," prizes to winners; other features. To make sure, we're supplementing the program with professional entertainers of merit. Relax with us.

THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH — Monday, 12 Noon — Palace Hotel

THE 49-MILE TOUR—Leave Palace Hotel 1:30 P.M.

This will give you 3½ hours of San Francisco, touching on many an historic landmark. Our barkers know San Francisco (we hope).

TRIP TO THE MINT

Busses leave Palace Hotel 9 A.M., Tuesday morning.

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Our smiling friend is
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Mr. Gillin was inducted as superintendent of the San Francisco Mint on July 1, 1948. He is an ardent Numismatist specializing in the collection of United States Coins.

Mr. Gillin, 54 year old native San Franciscan is a prominent member of many organizations such as the Native Sons, Eagles Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus.

As a kid he used to fly kites and play atop the hill upon which the mint now stands.

THE AUCTION SALE — Monday, 8 P.M. — Comstock Room

The Auction is again in the capable hands of the Numismatic Gallery and the Sales Catalogue lists a variety of material which should appeal to all collectors.

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The two A.K.'s who run the Gallery will personally supervise every detail to insure the smooth and efficient operation which they provided at the A.N.A. Convention Auctions in Cincinnati, Davenport and Buffalo.

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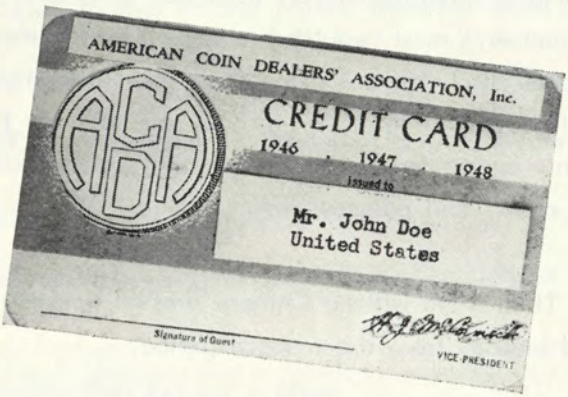

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LADIES' PROGRAM — Monday, 8 P.M.

A Chinese Art and Fashion Show will be sponsored by Mrs. Mary Keh featuring Chinese clothes from ancient to modern from the Mandarin Art Company, 564 Grant Avenue in the heart of Chinatown.

Hand embroidered on luxurious silks and brocades, some of Chinatown's most beautiful robes will be modeled by lovely Chinese models. Included are robes from the early Cheng dynasty (250 to 300 years old) formerly worn by members of the imperial family. Richly embroidered in different colors, these robes added gaiety to the courts and palaces.

Then there will be Chinese dresses, jackets, lounging pajamas, and blouses from the modern period.

After the show there will be jade, ivory carvings, porcelains, and old tomb pieces on exhibit dating back hundreds of years.

This event will take place Monday, August 22nd at 8:00 in the evening at the California Room of the Palace Hotel.

AUCTION SALE — SECOND SESSION

Tuesday, 2 P.M.

FASHION SHOW—2 P.M.

See Bulletin Board. The famous Magnin Store will display the latest in fashions for the ladies of the Convention.

SPEAKERS' PANEL—Tuesday, 8 P.M.—Comstock Room

(See separate section for details.)

CHILDREN'S PARTY — Wednesday, 2 P.M.

Miss June Conner and Mrs. David Redfield plan a little party for the youngsters while mother spends some of father's crisp banknotes and dad takes a last look at the Bourse offerings wishing that the committee had included mother in the party—then he could buy those coins.

ANNUAL BANQUET — Wednesday, 7 P.M. — The Gold Room

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Tuesday, 8 P.M. — The Comstock Room

VERNON L. BROWN, Moderator

(1) JOHN J. PITTMAN, Rochester, N. Y.—**"United States Proofs Prior to 1858."**

Mr. Pittman, L.M. 152, is a Chemical Engineer, married and has 3 children. He was a member of the 1947 Assay Commission and is now President of the Rochester (N. Y.) Numismatic Association. A keen student of numismatics, he is currently on the Committee on Contemporary Coins of the American Numismatic Society. Mr. Pittman will discuss the early proof coins and will include information on a number of restrikes.

(2) KENNETH W. LEE, Glendale, Calif.— **"California Gold Coins."**

Ken is 42, married and has 3 children. He is that rarity—a native Californian. He collects the fractional California Gold pieces which he will discuss and exhibit by the use of slides. We should know how to tell genuine from imitation if Ken doesn't branch off on his other hobby—fishing.

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(3) DR. J. HEWITT JUDD, Omaha, Neb.—**"United States Patterns."**

Dr. Judd is one of our most eminent eye surgeons and respected numismatists. Doc has been working on a revision of the Adams-Woodin Standard Work on the subject of Patterns and it is about ready for publication. His short incision into this broad subject should sew up a few converts to this series.

(4) W. A. PHILPOTT, JR., Dallas Texas.—**"Paper Money or Coins —Which to Collect."**

This bragging native Texan is Secretary of the Texas Bankers Association. He is an authority on U.S. Paper Money having been a collector for 45 years and is now the owner of one of the most extensive collections of its kind. He promised to take only 8 minutes but when a Texas starts—listen for the bell!

EXHIBIT AWARDS

The judges will award the ribbons to those exhibitors selected by them. The trophy for the Best Exhibit in Show will be presented at the banquet.

(5) DR. A. F. PRADEAU, Los Angeles, Calif.—**"Mexican Numismatics."**

Born in Mexico, Dr. Pradeau was educated there and in the U.S. He is a specialist in oral diseases, a professor at Southern California University; recognized as perhaps the outstanding authority on Mexican History and Numismatics. Dr. Pradeau has written many articles and his book on Mexican Coinage is a must to collectors of that series.

(6) E. KANN, Los Angeles, Calif.—**"Chinese Numismatics."**

Mr. Kann is a retired banker. He lived in China for 48 years, being adviser to the Central Bank of China and a

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member of the Mint Commission. He is the author of "The Currencies of China" and claims to own the largest Chinese silver collection extant. This discussion promises to be most enlightening.

(7) W. E. DANIEL, Seattle, Wash.—**"Military and Emergency Currencies of World War II."**

Mr. Daniel is principal of the Alexander Hamilton Jr. High School in Seattle, is married and has a married daughter. His extensive collection includes about 125 different specimens of Philippine Guerilla notes. So little information is available on this subject, Mr. Daniel's remarks will be new to most of us.

(8) M. VERNON SHELDON, Chicago, Ill.—**"How to Start a Collection of Classical Coins."**

Vernon speaks of our "ecstatic ten-minute gong." (If he's gonna use dem big woids we'll ring dat gong right away.) Elsewhere we extoll his virtues; here we merely say that after 25 years he is more engrossed in Classical Coins than ever. He considers this one of the finest departments in Numismatics and will endeavor to show us how to start collecting it.

(The speakers invite you to examine their exhibits. They will attempt to answer any questions to the best of their ability).

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TWENTY YEARS has seen a lot of coins go through our hands a lot of fine auctions at TOM ELDERS and The MORGENTHAU GALLERIES.

It was WAYTE RAYMOND and JIM MacALLISTER whmo prompted us to go into auctions and the first one showed a profit of $56.00. But it started our policy of fair appraisal and conservative attributions.

JULIUS GUTTAG had us sell his wonderful library and so pleased with results that his famed collection of LATIN AMERICAN Coins was turned over to us for sale.

The 1941 CONVENTION in Philadelphia had a splendid auction run by crackerjack Ira Reed. Only 1½ hours away, New York and the GALLERY attracted 150 to a 2-day post-convention auction chockfull of rarities.

The AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY honored us with a consignment of duplicate books and later repeated with another fine consignment.

The McILVAINE Collection of Silver Dollars and the continuation of U.S. Pattern offerings were highlights of early 1942 auctions soon to be followed by our first A.N.A. Convention Sale.

CINCINNATI was the site and SOL KAPLAN in charge with TOM MELISH as angel and whata grand time we had! One of the finest of all A.N.A. meetings.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION earlier in year invited us to Columbus to hold a sale and members responded magnificiently.

FAMOUS COLLECTIONS represented in our auction included material from COL. GREEN, W. H. WOODIN and well-known numismatists still desiring anonymity.

MICHAEL F. HIGGY collection late in '43was the beginnings of an era in which prices soared. Coins estimated at $3.00 sold for $9.00 and $10.00. Buy Bids were so numerous that many who submitted them had to yield to a previous Buy Bidder—this focused the spotlight on the inadvisability of accepting Buy Bids. We have refused to do so since.

SAMUEL KAPLAN, CHARLES EPSTEIN, P. E. WICKES, and many others favored us with their consignment.

Then came the WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION of U. S. Silver and Gold Coins —with ADOLPH FRIEDMAN, W. W. NEIL, J. F. BELL, LOUIS ELIASBERG, P. W. SMITH and so many others buying these rarities at record-breaking prices: $6,000.00 **for 1841—$2.50; $5,250.00 for 1854-S—$5.00, etc.**

DAVENPORT in 1946 and LOYD GETTYS at the helm and BUFFALO in 1947 guided by Dr. Wild—and the Gallery conducting the auctions at both meetings—and Buffalo matching Cincinnati's show.

1948 and the GALLERY moves from N.Y. to California opening with the MEMORABLE SALE OF GOLD COINS, just short of $100,000.00 (not just figures—REAL MONEY) and soon the LOUIS G. WALRATH Collection.

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Now—1949—it's SAN FRANCISCO with Hecht and Fogler running the Centennial Show and the GALLERY conducting the Auction—(must be a reason, somebody says). Had we accepted the flattering invitations from Boston in 1948 this would have been five in a row.

1950—we'll be off to MILWAUKEE and while some colleague works his head off at the auction we'll be there tosee (and taste) —what beer that made what city famous?

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